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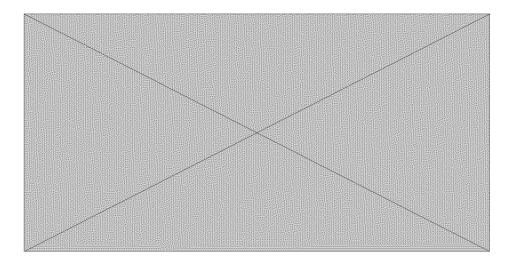
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#### Video of the Month



**Video:** This one minute video explains how lead gets in your drinking water. Credit: USA Today

#### The Cost of Inaction

Often overlooked, our water infrastructure isn't noticed until something goes wrong. This section highlights the everyday consequences of not investing in New Jersey's water systems.

#### News:

Newark faces court test over lead levels in water (NJ Spotlight)

New Jersey trying to pass a 'do not flush' law for bathroom wipes (NJ101.5)

NJ looks to \$50M bond issue to fund stormwater management (NJ Spotlight)

Road salt could be contaminating your water with lead (Asbury Park Press)

Cap on sewage costs in NJ drives constitutional challenge (Courthouse News Service)



**Jersey Water Works Updates** 

View the Jersey Water Works 2018 Work Plan Here.





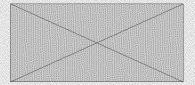




# Receive Statewide Recognition for Exemplifying 'One Water'

Beginning **May 1**, nominate any public, private, nonprofit or academic entity for the **New Jersey One Water Awards!** Read about the winning projects from last year **here**. Winners receive a trophy and recognition from their peers at the annual conferences of each sponsoring organization:

- · American Water Resources Association's NJ section
- American Water Works Association's NJ section
- Association of Environmental Authorities
- · Jersey Water Works
- New Jersey Water Environment Association



# Promote Infrastructure Week in New Jersey

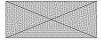
Promote National Infrastructure Week May 14-21 by elevating water infrastructure as a critical issue affecting our state. Here are a few ideas for participating:

- Tell your story: Publish an op-ed or blog, release new information
- For more ideas, download the Infrastructure Week 2018 Toolkit.

JWW is compiling a list of all Infrastructure Week activities taking place across the state so we can inform the media. Share your participation activities with **Brian Caycho**.

# **Member Highlights**

The **Atlantic County Utilities Authority**'s **battery-storage system** backs up the wastewater treatment plant if the electrical grid goes down.



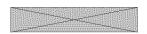
The **City of Hoboken**'s **Northwest Resiliency Park** integrates green infrastructure, innovative stormwater management, and provides recreation and public space for the community.



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's <u>Sixth Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment</u> shows more than \$8.5 billion is needed to maintain and improve NJ's drinking water infrastructure over the next 20 years.



The recently formed **Water Center at Penn** is a new business, technology and scientific "hub for innovation" for the development of 22nd century approaches to urban water management and policy!



The American Water Resources Association's **annual conference** is hosted in partnership with **AWRA's New Jersey section**. It will take place in Baltimore Nov. 4-8. Call for abstracts ends **May 7**.



Read our new blog post about water infrastructure funding in the federal

**omnibus spending bill**. The report was shared with JWW via the **Utility and Transportation Contractors Association**.



Water projects from the **City of Camden** and the **City of Hoboken** are finalists for the Best of Water Contest. **Vote for your favorite project** before midnight **May 2**.



# Four of Five Voters Agree: Now's the Time to Invest in Water Infrastructure

The Value of Water Campaign's poll shows **88 percent of American voters agree**: Now is the time to invest in the nation's water infrastructure. See the results in this **flyer** and these **slides**.



A recent JWW survey found that New Jerseyans believe that clean, safe drinking water should be the top environmental priority for the state. **View the survey and results here**.

# Water Infrastructure a Major Topic at Assembly's Budget Hearing for DEP

At the Assembly budget hearing, NJDEP Acting Commissioner Catherine McCabe discussed the state's inadequate water infrastructure. **Read highlights here**.



## U.S. One Water Summit, July 10-12

The **US Water Alliance**'s <u>One Water Summit</u> will take place in the Twin Cities, Minnesota. Last year, New Jersey's delegation included 24 JWW members. <u>Read about their experience here</u>.

Join the delegation today and receive a discounted registration! Contact <u>Ed DiFiglia</u> for more information. Special thanks to the <u>Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation</u> and the <u>Utility and Transportation Contractors Association</u> for supporting the New Jersey delegation.

#### **New Resources**

Making It Rain: Effective Stormwater Fees Can Create Jobs, Build Infrastructure, and Drive Investment in Local Communities (Natural Resources Defense Council)

This issue brief presents a suite of strategic recommendations for local governments in the process of initiating stormwater fees and accompanying programs.

**New Jersey Lead Poisoning Prevention Action Plan** (Green and Healthy Homes Initiative)

This is a framework for action steps that can be undertaken by the state, local agencies and other prevention partners to eliminate childhood lead poisoning within 10 years in New Jersey.

## **Funding Opportunities**

**Delaware River Watershed Protection Fund** 

Next deadline: May 31. Funds available: \$11.8 million

The Open Space Institute is providing three types of grants: capital grants; transaction grants; and catalyst grants.

Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)

Next deadline: July 6

A second round of funding for water infrastructure projects, approximately \$5.5 billion in credit, is available through the WIFIA program.

# **Upcoming Events**

**April 28: Clean Water Action Annual Conference** 

May 5: Webinar: Efficient, Effective, and Innovative Water Quality BMPs May 7-11: 103rd John J. (Jack) Lagrosa Annual Conference and Exposition

May 8: 2018 Waterfront Alliance Conference

May 10: Western Transmission Main Groundbreaking Ceremony

May 14-21: National Infrastructure Week

May 30-31: Making Ends Meet: A Water Affordability Workshop

June 8: Water Construction Conference
June 21: New Jersey Sustainability Summit

### **Save the Dates**

July 10-12: One Water Summit

July 19: Jersey Water Works Membership Meeting

Oct. 10: Imagine a Day Without Water

Nov. 4-8: American Water Resources Association 2018 Annual Conference

Dec. 7: Jersey Water Works Annual Conference

#### Water Infrastructure in the News

#### **New Jersey:**

Bergen County to receive \$1.4M for grants for green infrastructure improvements in Teaneck areas (TAPintoHackensack)

Water hike proposed for Brick (Jersey Shore Online)

Fanwood considers establishing a sewer utility (TAPinto Scotch Plains/Fanwood)

"Test the Tap" at discounted rates for safe water (TAPinto.net)

Jersey Water Works is a collaborative effort working to transform New Jersey's inadequate water infrastructure through sustainable, cost-effective solutions that provide communities with clean water and waterways; healthier, safer neighborhoods; local jobs; flood and climate resilience; and economic growth.

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